

AGENDA ITEM 8: Delta Leadership Program 2017

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Requested Action: **Approve participants in 2017 Delta Leadership Program**

Background: The Commission, in partnership with the Delta Regional Foundation, sponsored the inaugural Delta Leadership Program in 2016. A diverse group of 20 Delta Leaders completed the program, with broad participation from throughout the Delta region.

The Commission is again working with the Delta Regional Foundation to sponsor the 2017 Delta Leadership Program. In response to a call for nominations, the Commission received a host of applications. Chair Thomson and Commissioner Winn (one of the participants in the 2016 Delta Leadership Program), along with your Executive Director, evaluated the applicants and recommend that 17 applicants be approved by the Commission for participation in the 2017 Delta Leadership Program.

The 2017 Delta Leadership Program will commence on January 27 with a day-long seminar in the State Capitol. Day-long seminars will be held monthly throughout the Delta region, culminating in a final seminar on May 5 in Clarksburg. The Program will rely upon financial sponsorships to cover seminar expenses, with the Commission providing staffing for the Program.

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